



Kalrez[®] perfluoroelastomer parts

From DuPont Performance Elastomers

Kalrez[®] Spectrum[™] 6375

Product Overview

For over 25 years, Kalrez[®] parts have been the sealing material of choice for long term reliable sealing in the harshest chemical environments. Today, elastomeric seals are expected to perform in a variety of even more aggressive chemicals and at higher temperatures. To meet the needs of chemical processors, DuPont Performance Elastomers has developed a new product that expands on the capabilities of existing Kalrez[®] parts with broader chemical resistance while maintaining the high temperature stability you've come to expect from Kalrez[®].

Kalrez[®] Spectrum[™] 6375

Kalrez[®] Spectrum[™] 6375, designed specifically for the chemical process industry, combines new polymer technology with innovative patented curing technology. Compound 6375 is designed to give outstanding performance in the widest possible range of chemicals and temperatures. This product is an excellent choice for use in acids, bases, amines, steam, ethylene oxide, and many other aggressive chemicals. Mixed streams, once a problem for many chemical processors, can now be handled by compound 6375. The new curing system also allows for a continuous upper service temperature of 275°C (525°F). This is approximately 100°F higher than other products claiming broad chemical resistance. This high temperature stability translates to increased chemical resistance over all temperature ranges, especially if high temperature process excursions occur. This combination of chemical and thermal resistance provides advantages for chemical processors. Today, chemical processors use several perfluoroelastomer parts, including compounds 4079, 1050LF, and 2035, to optimize chemical and thermal performance. Kalrez[®] Spectrum[™] 6375 may be used in many applications to displace these products.

However, if optimum chemical resistance is required, then applications must be individually reviewed for the optimum compound selection.

Table 1
Typical Physical Properties¹

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Hardness, Shore A ±5 | 75 |
| 100% Modulus ² , MPa (psi) | 7.2 (1050) |
| Tensile at Break, MPa (psi) | 15.1 (2200) |
| Elongation at Break, % | 160 |
| Compression Set ³ , % 70 hr at 204°C (400°F) | 30 |
| Maximum Service Temperature, °C (°F) | 275 (525) |
| Lower Service Temperature, °C (°F) | -20 (-4) |

¹ Not to be used for specifications

² ASTM D412, 500 mm/min

³ ASTM D395 B, O-rings

Table 2
Chemical Resistance

| Compound | Kalrez® 6375 | Kalrez® 4079 | Kalrez® 2035 | Kalrez® 1050LF |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Chemical Resistance to:</i> | | | | |
| Aromatic/Aliphatic oils | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ |
| Acids | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ |
| Bases | ++++ | +++ | +++ | ++++ |
| Alcohols | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ |
| Aldehydes | ++++ | +++ | ++++ | ++++ |
| Amines | +++ | + | ++ | ++++ |
| Ethers | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ |
| Ketones | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ |
| Steam/Hot water | ++++ | + | +++ | +++ |
| Strong Oxidizers | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ |
| Ethylene Oxide | ++++ | X | ++++ | X |
| Hot Air | +++ | ++++ | ++ | +++ |

++++ = Excellent +++ = Very Good
 ++ = Good + = Fair
 x = Not Recommended

Chemical Resistance

For many applications, low volume swell of elastomers is critical to proper operation of equipment. Excessive swell may cause permanent seal failure due to equipment hangup, extrusion, etc. The following data is the result of lab testing to determine the volume swell of Kalrez® Spectrum™ 6375 when exposed to various fluids. Other physical property testing is needed to further define product performance; however, volume swell is an excellent predictor of performance. The following chemicals were chosen since they are representative of some of the most aggressive applications in the industry. These test results are an indication of the performance of compound 6375; however, all applications are unique, and it is strongly recommended that immersion testing be performed in the actual process fluids.

| Chemical | Temperature °C (°F) | Kalrez® Spectrum™ 6375 Rating | Nearest Competitive FFKM |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water | 225 (437) | A | C |
| Glacial acetic acid | 100 (212) | A | A |
| Nitric acid (70%) | 85 (185) | B | C |
| Sulfuric acid (98%) | 150 (302) | A | C |
| Maleic acid | 90 (194) | A | B |
| Ammonium hydroxide | 100 (212) | B | B |
| Ethylene oxide | 50 (122) | A | A |
| Urea | 175 (347) | A | B |
| Epichlorohydrin | 100 (212) | A | A |
| Butyraldehyde | 70 (158) | A | B |
| Toluene diisocyanate | 100 (212) | A | B |
| HCFC 134a | 25 (77) | A | A |

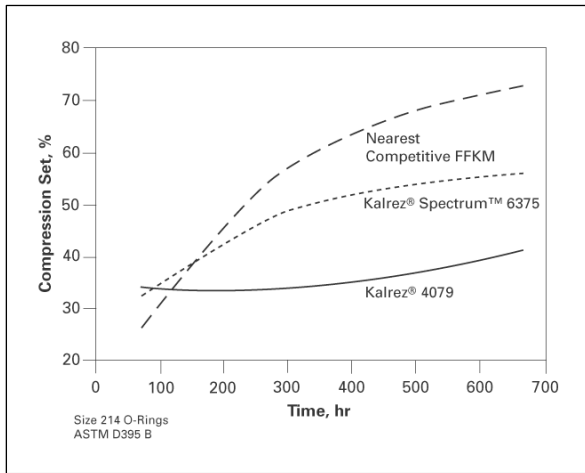
Rating system:

A: 0–10% volume swell
 B: 10–20% volume swell
 C: >20% volume swell

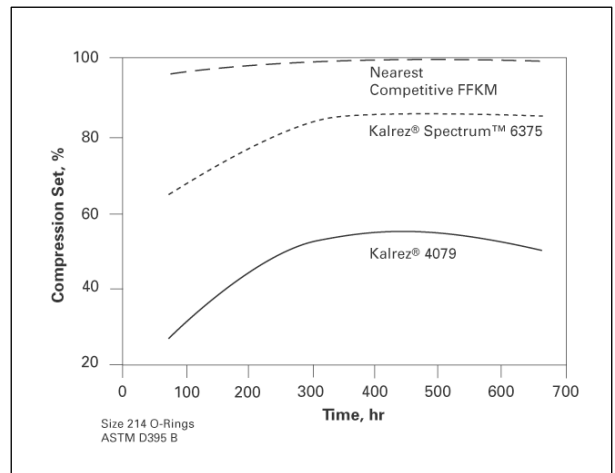
Thermal Resistance

Kalrez® Spectrum™ 6375 has excellent heat resistance to go along with the outstanding chemical resistance. New patented curing technology allows this compound to have a continuous use service temperature of 275°C (525°F). This results in the best combination of chemical resistance and thermal resistance of any elastomer on the market today. One method of predicting heat resistance is compression set. This is defined as: the amount by which a standard test piece (typically an O-ring or pellet) fails to return to its original thickness after being subjected to a standard compressive load or deflection for a fixed period of time. The chart following shows some elastomer comparisons with regard to compression set resistance.

Compression Set vs. Time at 204°C (400°F)



Compression Set vs. Time at 260°C (500°F)



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